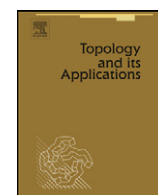


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Differences of Alexander polynomials for knots caused by a single crossing change

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ABSTRACT

Kondo and Sakai independently gave a characterization of Alexander polynomials for knots which are transformed into the trivial knot by a single crossing change. The first author gave a characterization of Alexander polynomials for knots which are transformed into the trefoil knot (and into the figure-eight knot) by a single crossing change. In this note, we will give a characterization of Alexander polynomials for knots which are transformed into the 10_{132} knot (and into the $(5, 2)$ -torus knot) by a single crossing change. Moreover, this method can be applied for knots with monic Alexander polynomials.

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1. Introduction

A knot is a simple closed oriented curve in the three-dimensional sphere S^3 . For a knot k , an Alexander matrix $M_k(t)$ of k is a presentation matrix of the first integral homology group $H_1(\widetilde{X}_\infty)$ as a Λ -module, where \widetilde{X}_∞ means the infinite cyclic covering space of the exterior X of k in S^3 and Λ means the integral group-ring $\mathbb{Z}H_1(X)$; we can see that $\mathbb{Z}H_1(X) = \Lambda$ is the Laurent polynomial ring $\mathbb{Z}[t, t^{-1}]$ where t is always taken to be represented by the meridian of k . The Λ -module $H_1(\widetilde{X}_\infty)$ is said to be the Alexander invariant (or Alexander module). An Alexander polynomial $\Delta_k(t)$ of k is a generator of the order ideal of $M_k(t)$. Throughout this note, we assume that $\Delta_k(t) = a_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n a_i(t^i + t^{-i})$. Therefore, the Alexander polynomial of k is determined up to signs.

In 1937, Wendt [8] introduced a notion of operation for links. We usually call the operation an *unknotting operation* (or briefly, a *crossing change*), which is defined to be a local move between two knot diagrams K_1 and K_2 which are identical except near one point as in Fig. 1. Furthermore, we consider its spatial realization as follows: For two knots k_1 and k_2 represented by K_1 and K_2 , k_1 and k_2 are said to be transformed into each other by a single crossing change. If a knot k is transformed to the trivial knot by a single crossing change, k is said to be a *knot with unknotting number one*.

In this note, we will give an approach to characterize Alexander polynomials for knots which are transformed into a given knot by a single crossing change (Proposition 6). We will actually give a characterization for the cases of the 10_{132} knot and the $(5, 2)$ -torus knot 5_1 as in Fig. 2. In Section 2, we consider a surgery description of knots to give an approach of characterization. This method can be applied for knots with monic Alexander polynomials.

Let k be a knot, k^\times the set of all knots obtained from k by a single crossing change. Let Δk^\times be the set of Alexander polynomials for knots in k^\times .

Theorem 1. Let $F(t)$ be a Laurent polynomial. $F(t)$ belongs to $\Delta 10_{132}^\times$ if and only if $F(t)$ satisfies the following three conditions:

- (1) $F(t) = F(t^{-1})$.

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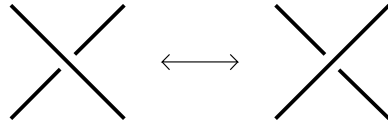
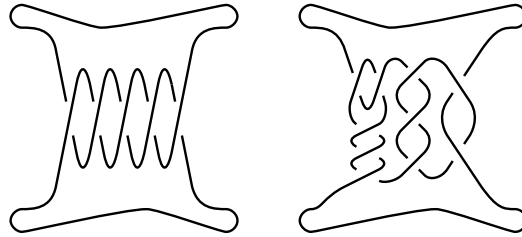


Fig. 1. Crossing change.

Fig. 2. 5_1 and 10_{132} .

- (2) $F(1) = \pm 1$.
 (3) $F(t) \equiv \pm(\alpha t + \beta + \alpha t^{-1}) \pmod{t^2 - t + 1 - t^{-1} + t^{-2}}$, where $\alpha = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 - ab - 2ac + 2ad - bc - 2bd - cd$, and $\beta = -2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2) + ab + 3ac - 3ad + bc + 3bd + cd$ for some integers a, b, c , and d .

The proof of Theorem 1 is given in Section 3.

Theorem 2. Let $F(t)$ be a Laurent polynomial. $F(t)$ belongs to $\Delta 5_1^\times$ if and only if $F(t)$ satisfies the following three conditions:

- (1) $F(t) = F(t^{-1})$.
 (2) $F(1) = \pm 1$.
 (3) $F(t) \equiv \pm(\alpha t + \beta + \alpha t^{-1}) \pmod{t^2 - t + 1 - t^{-1} + t^{-2}}$, where $\alpha = 2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 + e^2 + f^2 + g^2 + h^2) - ab - 3ac + 3ad - 3ae + 3af + ag - 4ah - bc - 3bd - be - 3bf + 3bg + bh - cd + 4ce - cf - 3cg + 3ch - de + 4df - dg - 3dh - ef - 3eg + 3eh - fg - 3fh - gh$, and $\beta = -3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 + e^2 + f^2 + g^2 + h^2) + 2ab + 5ac - 5ad + 5ae - 5af - 2ag + 6ah + 2bc + 5bd + 2be + 5bf - 5bg - 2bh + 2cd - 6ce + 2cf + 5cg - 5ch + 2de - 6df + 2dg + 5dh + 2ef + 5eg - 5eh + 2fg + 5fh + 2gh$ for some integers a, b, c, d, e, f, g , and h .

The proof of Theorem 2 is given in Section 4.

We remark that $\Delta_{10_{132}}(t) = \Delta_{5_1}(t) = t^2 - t + 1 - t^{-1} + t^{-2}$, and furthermore that their Alexander invariants are identical. But the sets of Alexander polynomials of their neighborhoods, $\Delta 10_{132}^\times$ and $\Delta 5_1^\times$, are different as follows. Here, $\Delta \mathcal{K}$ is the set of Alexander polynomials for all knots.

Corollary 3. (1) $\Delta 10_{132}^\times \cap \Delta 5_1^\times \neq \emptyset$.

(2) $\Delta 10_{132}^\times \setminus \Delta 5_1^\times \neq \emptyset$.

(3) $\Delta 5_1^\times \setminus \Delta 10_{132}^\times \neq \emptyset$.

(4) $\Delta \mathcal{K} \setminus (\Delta 10_{132}^\times \cup \Delta 5_1^\times) \neq \emptyset$.

The proof of Corollary 3 is given in Section 5.

For the cases of knots 3_1 , 4_1 , 5_1 , and 10_{132} , the sets of Alexander polynomials of their neighborhoods are proper subsets of $\Delta \mathcal{K}$. It is known that $\Delta k^\times = \Delta \mathcal{K}$ for a knot k with $\Delta_k(t) = 1$. We raise the following question.

Question. Does there exist a knot k with $\Delta_k(t) \neq 1$ such that $\Delta k^\times = \Delta \mathcal{K}$?

In Section 6, we study which prime knots with 10 crossings or less belong to 10_{132}^\times and to 5_1^\times , and which Alexander polynomials of prime knots with 10 crossings or less belong to $\Delta 10_{132}^\times$ and to $\Delta 5_1^\times$.

2. Surgery description

It is well-known that any knot can be transformed into the trivial knot by crossing changes at suitable crossing points. Every crossing change is obtained by a ± 1 surgery along a small trivial knot around the crossing point with linking number 0. Levine [2] and Rolfsen [6,7] introduced a surgery description of a knot and a surgical view of Alexander matrix and Alexander polynomial as follows:

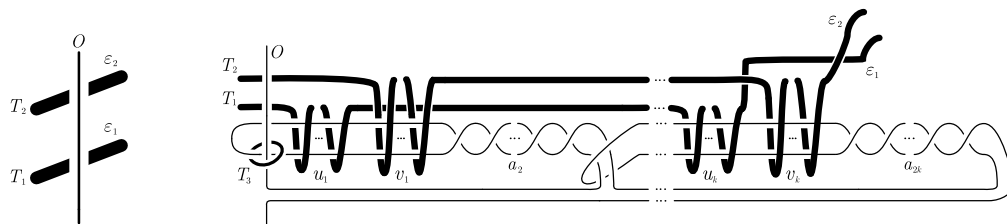


Fig. 3. Surgery description.

Proposition 4. ([6]) Let k be a knot, k_0 the trivial knot. Then, there exist n disjoint solid tori T_1, \dots, T_n in $S^3 \setminus k_0$ and a homeomorphism ϕ from $S^3 \setminus \circ T_1 \cup \dots \cup \circ T_n$ to itself such that

- (1) $\phi(k_0) = k$,
- (2) $T_1 \cup \dots \cup T_n$ is a trivial link,
- (3) $\text{lk}(T_i, k_0) = \text{lk}(T_i, k) = 0$ for each i , and
- (4) $\phi(\partial T_i) = \partial T_i$ and $\text{lk}(\mu'_i, T_i) = 1$ where $\mu_i \subset \partial T_i$ is a meridian of T_i and $\mu'_i = \phi^{-1}(\mu_i)$.

From a surgery description, we have a surgical view of Alexander matrix of the knot as follows:

Proposition 5. ([6]) Let k be a knot and n the number in Proposition 4. Then, k has an Alexander matrix $M_k(t) = (m_{ij}(t))_{1 \leq i, j \leq n}$ satisfying (1) $m_{ij}(t) = m_{ji}(t^{-1})$, and (2) $|m_{ij}(1)| = \delta_{ij}$, where δ_{ij} is the Kronecker delta, that is, $\delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & (\text{if } i = j) \\ 0 & (\text{if } i \neq j) \end{cases}$.

By a surgical view of Alexander matrices, we can have the following.

Proposition 6. Let k be a knot and $M_k(t)$ the Alexander matrix in Proposition 5. Then a Laurent polynomial $F(t)$ belongs to Δk^\times if and only if there exist Laurent polynomials $r_1(t), \dots, r_n(t)$, and $m(t)$ such that

- (1) $m(t) = m(t^{-1})$, $m(1) = \pm 1$, and $r_i(1) = 0$ ($i = 1, \dots, n$), and

$$(2) F(t) = \pm \det \begin{pmatrix} M_k(t) & \begin{matrix} r_1(t^{-1}) \\ \vdots \\ r_n(t^{-1}) \end{matrix} \\ r_1(t) & \dots & r_n(t) & m(t) \end{pmatrix}.$$

Proof. In the case $n = 1$, the proof of this proposition was given in [4,5]. Here, we give a sketch of the proof in the case $n = 2$. It is clear the necessity. So, we give the sufficiency. Since $m(t) = m(t^{-1})$, $m(1) = \pm 1$, and $r_1(1) = r_2(1) = 0$, we rewrite

$$m(t) = \pm 1 + (a_2 + 1) \left(\sqrt{t} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} \right)^2 + \dots + (-1)^k (a_{2k-2} + 1) \left(\sqrt{t} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} \right)^{2k-2} + (-1)^{k+1} a_{2k} \left(\sqrt{t} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} \right)^{2k},$$

$$r_1(t) = \pm t^{l_1} (u_1(1-t) + u_2(1-t)^2 + \dots + u_k(1-t)^n), \quad \text{and}$$

$$r_2(t) = \pm t^{l_2} (v_1(1-t) + v_2(1-t)^2 + \dots + v_k(1-t)^n).$$

By the hypothesis $n = 2$, a surgery description of k is given by the trivial knot O and two solid tori, T_1 and T_2 , as in the left of Fig. 3, where the solid tori are illustrated by thick lines. We transform this part of k into the right of Fig. 3 by a single crossing change, and we obtain the new knot $k_1 \in k^\times$. The single crossing change is obtained by $m(1)$ surgery along T_3 , which is illustrated by a thin line. Here, $u_1, \dots, u_k; v_1, \dots, v_k$ mean the numbers of left-handed linkings of each part of solid tori and each parallel parts of the knot, and a_2, a_4, \dots, a_{2k} mean the numbers of left-handed full-twists of each parallel parts of the knot.

We recall that k_1 is obtained from k by a single crossing change. A crossing change is realized by a ± 1 surgery along T_3 around the crossing point with linking number 0. In Fig. 4, a part of the fundamental region of the infinite cyclic covering space of the exterior of k_1 is illustrated. By reading the linking numbers between lifts of T_1 , T_2 , and T_3 , we can calculate $r_1(t)$, $r_2(t)$, and $m(t)$.

Then, from a surgical viewpoint, k_1 has a surgical view of Alexander matrix of the following form:

$$\begin{pmatrix} m_{11}(t) & m_{12}(t) & r_1(t^{-1}) \\ m_{21}(t) & m_{22}(t) & r_2(t^{-1}) \\ r_1(t) & r_2(t) & m(t) \end{pmatrix}.$$

In the case $n \geq 3$, we can prove similarly. The proof is complete. \square

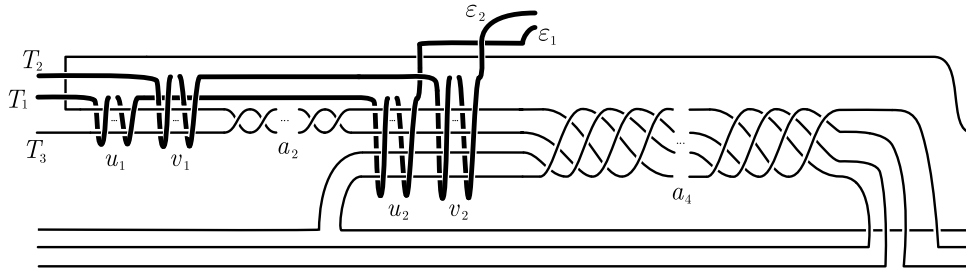


Fig. 4. Infinite cyclic cover.

3. Proof of Theorem 1

In order to show Theorem 1, we use the following two lemmas.

Lemma 7. Let $F(t)$ be a Laurent polynomial. $F(t)$ belongs to $\Delta 10_{132}^\times$ if and only if there exist Laurent polynomials $m(t)$ and $r(t)$ such that

- (1) $m(t) = m(t^{-1})$, $m(1) = \pm 1$, and $r(1) = 0$, and
- (2) $F(t) = \pm \det \begin{pmatrix} t^2 - t + 1 - t^{-1} + t^{-2} & r(t^{-1}) \\ r(t) & m(t) \end{pmatrix}$.

Since 10_{132} has a surgical view of Alexander matrix $(t^2 - t + 1 - t^{-1} + t^{-2})$, Lemma 7 follows Proposition 6.

Lemma 8. Let $F(t)$ be a Laurent polynomial. There exist Laurent polynomials $m(t)$ and $r(t)$ such that

- (1) $m(t) = m(t^{-1})$, $m(1) = \pm 1$, and $r(1) = 0$, and
- (2) $F(t) = \pm \det \begin{pmatrix} t^2 - t + 1 - t^{-1} + t^{-2} & r(t^{-1}) \\ r(t) & m(t) \end{pmatrix}$

if and only if $F(t)$ satisfies the following three conditions:

- (1) $F(t) = F(t^{-1})$.
- (2) $F(1) = \pm 1$.
- (3) $F(t) \equiv \pm(\alpha t + \beta + \alpha t^{-1}) \pmod{t^2 - t + 1 - t^{-1} + t^{-2}}$, where $\alpha = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 - ab - 2ac + 2ad - bc - 2bd - cd$, and $\beta = -2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2) + ab + 3ac - 3ad + bc + 3bd + cd$ for some integers a, b, c , and d .

Proof. Let $F(t) = \pm \det \begin{pmatrix} t^2 - t + 1 - t^{-1} + t^{-2} & r(t^{-1}) \\ r(t) & m(t) \end{pmatrix}$.

Since $m(t)$ and $r(t)$ satisfy $m(t) = m(t^{-1})$, $m(1) = \pm 1$, $r(1) = 0$, we have (1) $F(t) = F(t^{-1})$, and (2) $F(1) = \pm 1$.

From now, we show (3). Since $r(1) = 0$, we rewrite $r(t) = t^l(t-1)(u_n t^n + u_{n-1} t^{n-1} + \cdots + u_1 t + u_0)$. Then, there exist four integers a, b, c , and d such that

$$\begin{aligned} r(t) &\equiv t^l(t-1)((u_{n-1} + u_n)t^{n-1} + (u_{n-2} - u_n)t^{n-2} + (u_{n-3} + u_n)t^{n-3} \\ &\quad + (u_{n-4} - u_n)t^{n-4} + u_{n-5}t^{n-5} + \cdots + u_1 t + u_0) \\ &\quad \vdots \\ &\equiv t^l(t-1)(at^3 + bt^2 + ct + d) \pmod{t^2 - t + 1 - t^{-1} + t^{-2}}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have $F(t) = \pm \det \begin{pmatrix} t^2 - t + 1 - t^{-1} + t^{-2} & r(t^{-1}) \\ r(t) & m(t) \end{pmatrix} \equiv \mp r(t)r(t^{-1}) \equiv \pm(t-1)(1-t^{-1})(at^3 + bt^2 + ct + d)(d + ct^{-1} + bt^{-2} + at^{-3}) \equiv \pm(\alpha t + \beta + \alpha t^{-1}) \pmod{t^2 - t + 1 - t^{-1} + t^{-2}}$, where $\alpha = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 - ab - 2ac + 2ad - bc - 2bd - cd$, $\beta = -2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2) + ab + 3ac - 3ad + bc + 3bd + cd$.

On the other hand, for four integers a, b, c , and d , let $F(t)$ be a Laurent polynomial such that $F(1) = \varepsilon = \pm 1$, and $F(t) \equiv \pm(\alpha t + \beta + \alpha t^{-1}) \pmod{t^2 - t + 1 - t^{-1} + t^{-2}}$, where α and β are as above.

The proof of sufficiency is divided into two cases: $\deg F(t) \leq 4$ and $\deg F(t) > 4$, where $\deg F(t)$ means the difference of the maximum degree and the minimum degree of $F(t)$.

(i) $\deg F(t) \leq 4$. By the hypothesis, there exists an integer N such that $F(t) = N(t^2 - t + 1 - t^{-1} + t^{-2}) \pm (\alpha t + \beta + \alpha t^{-1})$. Since $F(1) = \varepsilon$ ($\varepsilon = \pm 1$), we have $N = \varepsilon \mp (2\alpha + \beta)$.

Let $m(t) = -adt^2 + (-ac - bd + ad)t + (\varepsilon + 2ac + 2bd) + (-ac - bd + ad)t^{-1} - adt^{-2}$, and $r(t) = (t-1)(at^3 + bt^2 + ct + d)$. Then, they satisfy $m(1) = \varepsilon$, $m(t) = m(t^{-1})$, and $r(1) = 0$.

Hence, we have $F(t) = (\varepsilon \mp (2\alpha + \beta))t^2 + (-\varepsilon \pm (3\alpha + \beta))t + (\varepsilon \mp 2\alpha) + (-\varepsilon \pm (3\alpha + \beta))t^{-1} + (\varepsilon \mp (2\alpha + \beta))t^{-2} = \pm((t^2 - t + 1 - t^{-1} + t^{-2})m(t) - r(t)r(t^{-1})) = \pm \det \begin{pmatrix} t^2 - t + 1 - t^{-1} + t^{-2} & r(t^{-1}) \\ r(t) & m(t) \end{pmatrix}$.

(ii) $\deg F(t) > 4$. Let $G(t) = (\varepsilon \mp (2\alpha + \beta))t^2 + (-\varepsilon \pm (3\alpha + \beta))t + (\varepsilon \mp 2\alpha) + (-\varepsilon \pm (3\alpha + \beta))t^{-1} + (\varepsilon \mp (2\alpha + \beta))t^{-2}$.

It can be seen that $G(t) \equiv \pm(\alpha t + \beta + \alpha t^{-1}) \equiv F(t) \pmod{t^2 - t + 1 - t^{-1} + t^{-2}}$.

Since $\deg G(t) \leq 4$, $G(1) = \varepsilon$, $G(t) = G(t^{-1})$, there exist Laurent polynomials $m(t)$ and $r(t)$ such that $m(1) = \varepsilon$, $m(t) = m(t^{-1})$, $r(1) = 0$, and $G(t) = \pm \det \begin{pmatrix} t^2 - t + 1 - t^{-1} + t^{-2} & r(t^{-1}) \\ r(t) & m(t) \end{pmatrix}$. Let $H(t) = G(t) - F(t)$. $H(t)$ satisfies $H(1) = G(1) - F(1) = \varepsilon - \varepsilon = 0$, $H(t^{-1}) = G(t^{-1}) - F(t^{-1}) = G(t) - F(t) = H(t)$, and $H(t) \equiv 0 \pmod{t^2 - t + 1 - t^{-1} + t^{-2}}$.

Therefore, there exists a Laurent polynomial $h(t)$ such that $H(t) = \pm(t-1)(t^{-1}-1)(t^2 - t + 1 - t^{-1} + t^{-2})h(t)$ and $h(t) = h(t^{-1})$.

Let $\widehat{m}(t) = m(t) - (t-1)(t^{-1}-1)h(t)$. $\widehat{m}(t)$ satisfies $\widehat{m}(1) = m(1) = \varepsilon$ and $\widehat{m}(t^{-1}) = m(t^{-1}) - (t^{-1}-1)(t-1)h(t^{-1}) = m(t) - (t-1)(t^{-1}-1)h(t) = \widehat{m}(t)$.

Hence, we have $\pm \det \begin{pmatrix} t^2 - t + 1 - t^{-1} + t^{-2} & r(t^{-1}) \\ r(t) & \widehat{m}(t) \end{pmatrix} = \pm((t^2 - t + 1 - t^{-1} + t^{-2})m(t) - (t-1)(t^{-1}-1)(t^2 - t + 1 - t^{-1} + t^{-2})h(t) - r(t)r(t^{-1})) = G(t) - H(t) = G(t) - (G(t) - F(t)) = F(t)$. The proof is complete. \square

4. Proof of Theorem 2

The proof of Theorem 2 is parallel to that of Theorem 1, except for the number of integers. In order to show Theorem 2, we use the following two lemmas.

Lemma 9. Let $F(t)$ be a Laurent polynomial. $F(t)$ belongs to $\Delta 5_1^\times$ if and only if there exist Laurent polynomials $m(t)$, $r_1(t)$, and $r_2(t)$ such that

(1) $m(t) = m(t^{-1})$, $m(1) = \pm 1$, and $r_1(1) = r_2(t) = 0$, and

(2) $F(t) = \pm \det \begin{pmatrix} -t+1-t^{-1} & -t^{-1}+1 & r_1(t^{-1}) \\ -t+1 & -t+1-t^{-1} & r_2(t^{-1}) \\ r_1(t) & r_2(t) & m(t) \end{pmatrix}$.

Since 5_1 has a surgical view of Alexander matrix $\begin{pmatrix} -t+1-t^{-1} & -t^{-1}+1 \\ -t+1 & -t+1-t^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$, Lemma 9 follows Proposition 6.

Lemma 10. Let $F(t)$ be a Laurent polynomial. There exist Laurent polynomials $m(t)$, $r_1(t)$, and $r_2(t)$ such that

(1) $m(t) = m(t^{-1})$, $m(1) = \pm 1$, and $r_1(1) = r_2(t) = 0$, and

(2) $F(t) = \pm \det \begin{pmatrix} -t+1-t^{-1} & -t^{-1}+1 & r_1(t^{-1}) \\ -t+1 & -t+1-t^{-1} & r_2(t^{-1}) \\ r_1(t) & r_2(t) & m(t) \end{pmatrix}$

if and only if $F(t)$ satisfies the following three conditions:

(1) $F(t) = F(t^{-1})$.

(2) $F(1) = \pm 1$.

(3) $F(t) \equiv \pm(\alpha t + \beta + \alpha t^{-1}) \pmod{t^2 - t + 1 - t^{-1} + t^{-2}}$, where $\alpha = 2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 + e^2 + f^2 + g^2 + h^2) - ab - 3ac + 3ad - 3ae + 3af + ag - 4ah - bc - 3bd - be - 3bf + 3bg + bh - cd + 4ce - cf - 3cg + 3ch - de + 4df - dg - 3dh - ef - 3eg + 3eh - fg - 3fh - gh$, and $\beta = -3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 + e^2 + f^2 + g^2 + h^2) + 2ab + 5ac - 5ad + 5ae - 5af - 2ag + 6ah + 2bc + 5bd + 2be + 5bf - 5bg - 2bh + 2cd - 6ce + 2cf + 5cg - 5ch + 2de - 6df + 2dg + 5dh + 2ef + 5eg - 5eh + 2fg + 5fh + 2gh$ for some integers a, b, c, d, e, f, g , and h .

Proof. Let $F(t) = \pm \det \begin{pmatrix} -t+1-t^{-1} & -t^{-1}+1 & r_1(t^{-1}) \\ -t+1 & -t+1-t^{-1} & r_2(t^{-1}) \\ r_1(t) & r_2(t) & m(t) \end{pmatrix}$.

Since $m(t)$ and $r(t)$ satisfy $m(t) = m(t^{-1})$, $m(1) = \pm 1$, and $r_1(1) = r_2(1) = 0$, we have (1) $F(t) = F(t^{-1})$, and (2) $F(1) = \pm 1$.

From now, we show (3). Since $r_1(1) = r_2(1) = 0$, we rewrite $r_1(t) = t^{l_1}(t-1)(u_n t^n + u_{n-1} t^{n-1} + \cdots + u_1 t + u_0)$, and $r_2(t) = t^{l_2}(t-1)(v_n t^n + v_{n-1} t^{n-1} + \cdots + v_1 t + v_0)$. Then, there exist some integers a, b, c, d, e, f, g , and h such that

$$r_1(t) \equiv (t-1)(at^3 + bt^2 + ct + d) \pmod{t^2 - t + 1 - t^{-1} + t^{-2}}, \quad \text{and}$$

$$r_2(t) \equiv (t-1)(et^3 + ft^2 + gt + h) \pmod{t^2 - t + 1 - t^{-1} + t^{-2}}.$$

Therefore, we have $F(t) = \pm \det \begin{pmatrix} -t+1-t^{-1} & -t^{-1}+1 & r_1(t^{-1}) \\ -t+1 & -t+1-t^{-1} & r_2(t^{-1}) \\ r_1(t) & r_2(t) & m(t) \end{pmatrix} \equiv \pm(\alpha t + \beta + \alpha t^{-1}) \pmod{t^2 - t + 1 - t^{-1} + t^{-2}}$, where α and β are as above.

On the other hand, for eight integers a, b, c, d, e, f, g , and h , let $F(t)$ be a Laurent polynomial such that $F(1) = \varepsilon = \pm 1$, and $F(t) \equiv \pm(\alpha t + \beta + \alpha t^{-1}) \pmod{t^2 - t + 1 - t^{-1} + t^{-2}}$, where α and β are as above.

The proof of sufficiency is divided into two cases: $\deg F(t) \leq 4$ and $\deg F(t) > 4$.

(i) $\deg F(t) \leq 4$. By the hypothesis, there exists an integer N such that $F(t) = N(t^2 - t + 1 - t^{-1} + t^{-2}) \pm (\alpha t + \beta + \alpha t^{-1})$. Since $F(1) = \varepsilon$ ($\varepsilon = \pm 1$), we have $N = \varepsilon \mp (2\alpha + \beta)$.

Let $m(t) = At^3 + Bt^2 + Ct + D + Ct^{-1} + Dt^{-2} + At^{-3}$, $r_1(t) = (t-1)(at^3 + bt^2 + ct + d)$, and $r_2(t) = (t-1)(et^3 + ft^2 + gt + h)$, where $A = ad - de + eh$, $B = ac - 2ad + ah + bd - ce + 2de - df + eg - 2eh + fh$, $C = ab - 2ac + ad + ag - 2ah + bc - 2bd - be + bh + cd + 2ce - cf - dg + 2df + ef - 2eg + eh + fg - 2fh + gh$, and $D = \varepsilon - 2ab + 2ac - 2ag + 2ah - 2bc + 2bd + 2be - 2bh - 2cd - 2ce + 2cf - 2de - 2df - 2ef + 2eg - 2fg + 2fh - 2gh$.

Then, they satisfy $m(1) = \varepsilon$, $m(t) = m(t^{-1})$, and $r_1(1) = r_2(1) = 0$.

Hence, we have $F(t) = (\varepsilon \mp (2\alpha + \beta))t^2 + (-\varepsilon \pm (3\alpha + \beta))t + (\varepsilon \mp 2\alpha) + (-\varepsilon \pm (3\alpha + \beta))t^{-1} + (\varepsilon \mp (2\alpha + \beta))t^{-2} = \pm((t^2 - t + 1 - t^{-1} + t^{-2})m(t) + (t - 1 + t^{-1})(r_1(t)r_1(t^{-1}) + r_2(t)r_2(t^{-1})) + (1 - t^{-1})r_1(t)r_2(t^{-1}) + (1 - t)r_1(t^{-1})r_2(t)) = \pm \det \begin{pmatrix} -t+1-t^{-1} & -t^{-1}+1 & r_1(t^{-1}) \\ -t+1 & -t+1-t^{-1} & r_2(t^{-1}) \\ r_1(t) & r_2(t) & m(t) \end{pmatrix}$.

(ii) $\deg F(t) > 4$. Let $G(t) = (\varepsilon \mp (2\alpha + \beta))t^2 + (-\varepsilon \pm (3\alpha + \beta))t + (\varepsilon \mp 2\alpha) + (-\varepsilon \pm (3\alpha + \beta))t^{-1} + (\varepsilon \mp (2\alpha + \beta))t^{-2}$.

It can be seen that $G(t) \equiv \pm(\alpha t + \beta + \alpha t^{-1}) \equiv F(t) \pmod{t^2 - t + 1 - t^{-1} + t^{-2}}$.

Since $\deg G(t) \leq 4$, $G(1) = \varepsilon$, $G(t) = G(t^{-1})$, there exist Laurent polynomials $m(t)$, $r_1(t)$ and $r_2(t)$ such that $m(1) = \varepsilon$, $m(t) = m(t^{-1})$, $r_1(1) = r_2(1) = 0$, and $G(t) = \pm \det \begin{pmatrix} -t+1-t^{-1} & -t^{-1}+1 & r_1(t^{-1}) \\ -t+1 & -t+1-t^{-1} & r_2(t^{-1}) \\ r_1(t) & r_2(t) & m(t) \end{pmatrix}$. Let $H(t) = G(t) - F(t)$. $H(t)$ satisfies $H(1) = G(1) - F(1) = \varepsilon - \varepsilon = 0$, $H(t^{-1}) = G(t^{-1}) - F(t^{-1}) = G(t) - F(t) = H(t)$, and $H(t) \equiv 0 \pmod{t^2 - t + 1 - t^{-1} + t^{-2}}$.

Therefore, there exists a Laurent polynomial $h(t)$ such that $H(t) = \pm(t-1)(t^{-1}-1)(t^2 - t + 1 - t^{-1} + t^{-2})h(t)$ and $h(t) = h(t^{-1})$.

Let $\widehat{m}(t) = m(t) - (t-1)(t^{-1}-1)h(t)$. $\widehat{m}(t)$ satisfies $\widehat{m}(1) = m(1) = \varepsilon$ and $\widehat{m}(t^{-1}) = m(t^{-1}) - (t^{-1}-1)(t-1)h(t^{-1}) = m(t) - (t-1)(t^{-1}-1)h(t) = \widehat{m}(t)$.

Hence, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \pm \det \begin{pmatrix} -t+1-t^{-1} & -t^{-1}+1 & r_1(t^{-1}) \\ -t+1 & -t+1-t^{-1} & r_2(t^{-1}) \\ r_1(t) & r_2(t) & \widehat{m}(t) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \pm \left(\det \begin{pmatrix} -t+1-t^{-1} & -t^{-1}+1 & r_1(t^{-1}) \\ -t+1 & -t+1-t^{-1} & r_2(t^{-1}) \\ r_1(t) & r_2(t) & m(t) \end{pmatrix} - (t-1)(t^{-1}-1)h(t) \det \begin{pmatrix} -t+1-t^{-1} & -t^{-1}+1 \\ -t+1 & -t+1-t^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \right) \\ &= G(t) - H(t) = G(t) - (G(t) - F(t)) = F(t). \end{aligned}$$

The proof is complete. \square

Remark. The above arguments can be applied for knots with monic Alexander polynomials.

5. Proof of Corollary 3

Lemma 11. For four integers a, b, c , and d , let $\alpha = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 - ab - 2ac + 2ad - bc - 2bd - cd$, and $\beta = -2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2) + ab + 3ac - 3ad + bc + 3bd + cd$. Then, we have

(1) $\beta \leq 0$. Moreover, $\beta = 0$ if and only if $a = b = c = d = 0$.

(2) $\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\beta \leq \alpha \leq \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\beta$.

(3) $3\alpha + \beta \equiv 0, \pm 1 \pmod{5}$.

Furthermore, for any n with $n \equiv 0, \pm 1 \pmod{5}$, there exist four integers a, b, c , and d such that α and β satisfy $3\alpha + \beta = n$.

Proof. (1) $\beta = -2(b - \frac{a+c+3d}{4})^2 - \frac{15}{8}(c - \frac{13a+7d}{15})^2 - \frac{7}{15}(a + \frac{11d}{14})^2 - \frac{5}{28}d^2 \leq 0$.

(2) $\alpha - \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\beta = (2 + \sqrt{5})(b - \frac{(3+\sqrt{5})a+(3+\sqrt{5})c+(7+3\sqrt{5})d}{2(2+\sqrt{5})})^2 + \frac{65+29\sqrt{5}}{8(2+\sqrt{5})}(c - \frac{(65+29\sqrt{5})a-(32+26\sqrt{5})d}{2(65+29\sqrt{5})})^2 \geq 0$.

$\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\beta - \alpha = (-2 + \sqrt{5})(b + \frac{(3-\sqrt{5})a+(3-\sqrt{5})c+(7-3\sqrt{5})d}{2(-2+\sqrt{5})})^2 + \frac{65-29\sqrt{5}}{8(-2+\sqrt{5})}(c + \frac{(65-29\sqrt{5})a+(32-26\sqrt{5})d}{2(-65+29\sqrt{5})})^2 \geq 0$.

(3) $3\alpha + \beta = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 - 2ab - 3ac + 3ad - 2bc - 3bd - 2cd = 5(-ac + ad - bd) + (a - b + c - d)^2 \equiv 0, \pm 1 \pmod{5}$.

If $3\alpha + \beta = 5k$, we take $(a, b, c, d) = (0, -k-1, -k, 1)$. If $3\alpha + \beta = 5k+1$, we take $(a, b, c, d) = (0, -k, -k, 1)$. If $3\alpha + \beta = 5k-1$, we take $(a, b, c, d) = (0, -k, 3-k, 1)$. The proof is complete. \square

Lemma 12. For eight integers a, b, c, d, e, f, g , and h , let $\alpha = 2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 + e^2 + f^2 + g^2 + h^2) - ab - 3ac + 3ad - 3ae + 3af + ag - 4ah - bc - 3bd - be - 3bf + 3bg + bh - cd + 4ce - cf - 3cg + 3ch - de + 4df - dg - 3dh - ef - 3eg + 3eh - fg - 3fh - gh$, and $\beta = -3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 + e^2 + f^2 + g^2 + h^2) + 2ab + 5ac - 5ad + 5ae - 5af - 2ag + 6ah + 2bc + 5bd + 2be + 5bf - 5bg - 2bh + 2cd - 6ce + 2cf + 5cg - 5ch + 2de - 6df + 2dg + 5dh + 2ef + 5eg - 5eh + 2fg + 5fh + 2gh$. Then, we have

- (1) $-2\alpha \leq \beta \leq 2\alpha$. Moreover, $-2\alpha = \beta$ if and only if $\alpha = \beta = 0$.
 (2) $3\alpha + \beta \equiv 0, \pm 2 \pmod{5}$.

Proof. (1) $\beta + 2\alpha = (b + \frac{-d-f+g}{2})^2 + (c + \frac{-a+2e-g+h}{2})^2 + \frac{3}{4}(a + \frac{2d+2f-g-3h}{3})^2 + \frac{5}{12}(d+f+g)^2 \geq 0$.
 $2\alpha - \beta = 7(b + \frac{-4a-4c-11d-4e-11f+11g+4h}{14})^2 + \frac{45}{7}(c + \frac{-17a-10d+18e-10f-11g+17h}{18})^2 + \frac{25}{36}(a + \frac{4d+4f-g-5h}{5})^2 + \frac{1}{4}(d+f+g)^2 \geq 0$.

From this inequation, $-2\alpha = \beta$ implies that $A = 2b - d - f + g = 0$, $B = -a + 2c + 2e - g + h = 0$, $C = 3a + 2d + 2f - g - 3h = 0$, and $D = d + f + g = 0$. Then, we have $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}A^2 + \frac{1}{2}B^2 + \frac{1}{9}C^2 + \frac{5}{36}D^2 - \frac{1}{4}AB - \frac{1}{4}AC - \frac{1}{6}BC - \frac{5}{12}BD + \frac{5}{36}CD + \frac{5}{36}gD = 0$, and $\alpha = \beta = 0$. The converse also holds.

(2) $3\alpha + \beta = 2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 + e^2 + f^2 + g^2 + h^2) + ab - ac + ad + bc - bd + cd + ef - eg + eh + fg - fh + gh - ae + af - ag - 4ah + be - bf + bg - bh + 4ce + cf - cg + ch + de + 4df + dg - dh \equiv 2(a - b + c - d + e - f + g - h)^2 \equiv 0, \pm 2 \pmod{5}$. The proof is complete. \square

Remark. Lemma 11(3) is also shown by the following. $3\alpha + \beta \equiv -2\alpha + \beta = \det \begin{pmatrix} -5 & r(-1) \\ r(-1) & m(-1) \end{pmatrix} \equiv -r(-1)^2 \equiv 0, \pm 1 \pmod{5}$.

Lemma 12(2) is also shown by the following. $3\alpha + \beta \equiv -2\alpha + \beta = \det \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & r_1(-1) \\ 2 & 3 & r_2(-1) \\ r_1(-1) & r_2(-1) & m(-1) \end{pmatrix} \equiv 2(r_1(-1) + r_2(-1))^2 \equiv 0, \pm 2 \pmod{5}$.

Let k be a knot with unknotting number one. Then, k has a surgical view of Alexander matrix $M_k(t) = (\Delta_k(t))$. We have the following.

Proposition 13. Let k be a knot with unknotting number one. If a Laurent polynomial $F(t)$ belongs to Δk^\times , then $F(-1) \equiv -n^2 \pmod{\Delta_k(-1)}$ for some integer n .

Remark. Let k be a knot with unknotting number one. Kawauchi [1] shows that a Laurent polynomial $F(t)$ belongs to Δk^\times if and only if there exists a Laurent polynomial $r(t)$ such that $r(1) = 0$ and that $F(t) \equiv \pm r(t)r(t^{-1}) \pmod{\Delta_k(t)}$.

Proof of Corollary 3. We find a concrete Laurent polynomial $F(t)$ in each region. Take two integers p and q such that $F(t) \equiv pt + q + pt^{-1} \pmod{t^2 - t + 1 - t^{-1} + t^{-2}}$.

(1) We take $F(t) = t^2 - t + 1 - t^{-1} + t^{-2}$. Since $F(t) \equiv 0 \pmod{t^2 - t + 1 - t^{-1} + t^{-2}}$, we have $p = 0$ and $q = 0$. By Lemma 11(1) (or Theorem 1), $a = b = c = d = 0$ imply $\alpha = 0$, $\beta = 0$, and $F(t) \in \Delta 10_{132}^\times$. By Theorem 2, $a = b = c = d = e = f = g = h = 0$ imply $\alpha = 0$, $\beta = 0$, and $F(t) \in \Delta 5_1^\times$.

(2) We take $F(t) = t^2 - 6t + 11 - 6t^{-1} + t^{-2}$. Since $F(t) \equiv -5t + 10 - 5t^{-1} \pmod{t^2 - t + 1 - t^{-1} + t^{-2}}$, we have $p = -5$ and $q = 10$. By Theorem 1, $a = 1$, $b = 1$, $c = -1$, $d = -1$ imply $\alpha = 5$, $\beta = -10$, and $F(t) \in \Delta 10_{132}^\times$. There never exist α and β such that $-2p = q$ by Lemma 12(1). We have $F(t) \notin \Delta 5_1^\times$.

(3) We take $F(t) = 2t^2 - 6t + 7 - 6t^{-1} + t^{-2}$. Since $F(t) \equiv -4t + 5 - 4t^{-1} \pmod{t^2 - t + 1 - t^{-1} + t^{-2}}$, we have $p = -4$ and $q = 5$. There never exist α and β such that $3\alpha + \beta = -7 \equiv -2 \pmod{5}$, $3(-\alpha) - \beta = 7 \equiv 2 \pmod{5}$ by Lemma 11(3). We have $F(t) \notin \Delta 10_{132}^\times$. By Theorem 2, $a = -3$, $b = -2$, $c = -3$, $d = -1$, $e = 3$, $f = 1$, $g = 1$, $h = -3$ imply $\alpha = 4$, $\beta = -5$, and $F(t) \in \Delta 5_1^\times$.

(4) We take $F(t) = t^2 - 3t + 3 - 3t^{-1} + t^{-2}$. Since $F(t) \equiv -2t + 2 - 2t^{-1} \pmod{t^2 - t + 1 - t^{-1} + t^{-2}}$, we have $p = -2$ and $q = 2$. There never exist α and β such that $\alpha = -2$, $\beta = 2$ by Lemma 11(2). We have $F(t) \notin \Delta 10_{132}^\times$. There never exist α and β such that $3\alpha + \beta = -4 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$, $3(-\alpha) - \beta = 4 \equiv -1 \pmod{5}$ by Lemma 12(2). We have $F(t) \notin \Delta 5_1^\times$. The proof is complete. \square

Problem. Find all pairs of α and β satisfying the conditions in Theorems 1 and 2.

6. Table

We apply the result in this paper for prime knots with ten crossings or less in the table of Rolfsen [7]. Here, 0 means the trivial knot, and N_n^* means the mirror image of N_n . Since 10_{161} and 10_{162} in [7] have the same knot type, here 10_n ($n \geq 162$) means 10_{n+1} in [7]. We use the following result by Murasugi [3]: Let k be a knot, k_1 a knot obtained from k by a single crossing change. Then, we have $|\sigma(k) - \sigma(k_1)| \leq 2$. We remark that $\sigma(10_{132}) = 0$, $\sigma(5_1) = 4$.

The symbol in each entry means the following: “a” means that k belongs to 10_{132}^\times (respectively 5_1^\times). “b” means that $\Delta_k(t)$ belongs to $\Delta 10_{132}^\times$ (respectively $\Delta 5_1^\times$), but not “a”. “c” means that $\Delta_k(t)$ belongs to $\Delta 10_{132}^\times$ (respectively $\Delta 5_1^\times$), but “a” or not “a” could not be decided. “d” means that $\Delta_k(t)$ does not belong to $\Delta 10_{132}^\times$ (respectively $\Delta 5_1^\times$). “e” means that “d” or not “d” could not be decided, but not “a”. “?” means that there is no information.

	10_{132}	5_1		10_{132}	5_1		10_{132}	5_1
0	a	d	9_1	b	d	9_{33}	c	d
3_1	d	a	9_1^*	b	d	9_{33}^*	c	d
3_1^*	d	b	9_2	c	?	9_{34}	c	d
4_1	c	d	9_2^*	c	?	9_{34}^*	c	d
5_1	b	a	9_3	d	d	9_{35}	d	?
5_1^*	b	b	9_3^*	d	d	9_{35}^*	d	?
5_2	d	a	9_4	d	d	9_{36}	d	b
5_2^*	d	b	9_4^*	d	d	9_{36}^*	d	c
6_1	c	d	9_5	d	?	9_{37}	c	e
6_1^*	c	d	9_5^*	d	?	9_{37}^*	c	e
6_2	d	d	9_6	d	a	9_{38}	d	c
6_2^*	d	d	9_6^*	d	b	9_{38}^*	d	b
6_3	d	d	9_7	d	d	9_{39}	c	e
7_1	d	a	9_7^*	d	d	9_{39}^*	c	?
7_1^*	d	b	9_8	d	d	9_{40}	d	c
7_2	a	d	9_8^*	d	d	9_{40}^*	d	b
7_2^*	c	d	9_9	b	d	9_{41}	c	d
7_3	d	b	9_9^*	b	d	9_{41}^*	c	d
7_3^*	d	a	9_{10}	d	b	9_{42}	d	b
7_4	c	e	9_{10}^*	d	c	9_{42}^*	d	c
7_4^*	c	e	9_{11}	d	b	9_{43}	d	b
7_5	d	a	9_{11}^*	d	a	9_{43}^*	d	c
7_5^*	d	b	9_{12}	d	c	9_{44}	d	d
7_6	d	d	9_{12}^*	d	b	9_{44}^*	d	d
7_6^*	d	d	9_{13}	d	b	9_{45}	d	c
7_7	c	d	9_{13}^*	d	a	9_{45}^*	d	b
7_7^*	c	d	9_{14}	d	e	9_{46}	c	d
8_1	d	e	9_{14}^*	d	e	9_{46}^*	c	d
8_1^*	d	e	9_{15}	c	d	9_{47}	d	b
8_2	d	a	9_{15}^*	c	d	9_{47}^*	d	c
8_2^*	d	b	9_{16}	b	d	9_{48}	d	e
8_3	d	d	9_{16}^*	b	d	9_{48}^*	d	?
8_4	d	d	9_{17}	d	d	9_{49}	d	b
8_4^*	d	d	9_{17}^*	d	d	9_{49}^*	d	c
8_5	b	d	9_{18}	d	d	10_1	d	d
8_5^*	b	d	9_{18}^*	d	d	10_1^*	d	d
8_6	d	c	9_{19}	c	d	10_2	d	a
8_6^*	d	b	9_{19}^*	c	d	10_2^*	d	b
8_7	d	b	9_{20}	b	d	10_3	c	d
8_7^*	d	a	9_{20}^*	b	d	10_3^*	c	d
8_8	c	e	9_{21}	d	e	10_4	d	c
8_8^*	c	e	9_{21}^*	d	?	10_4^*	d	b
8_9	c	d	9_{22}	d	b	10_5	d	b
8_{10}	d	b	9_{22}^*	d	c	10_5^*	d	a
8_{10}^*	d	a	9_{23}	d	a	10_6	d	a
8_{11}	d	c	9_{23}^*	d	b	10_6^*	d	b
8_{11}^*	d	b	9_{24}	c	e	10_7	d	c
8_{12}	d	d	9_{24}^*	c	e	10_7^*	d	b
8_{13}	c	d	9_{25}	d	c	10_8	d	d
8_{13}^*	c	d	9_{25}^*	d	b	10_8^*	d	d
8_{14}	d	d	9_{26}	d	b	10_9	c	d
8_{14}^*	d	d	9_{26}^*	d	a	10_9^*	c	d
8_{15}	d	a	9_{27}	c	d	10_{10}	?	e
8_{15}^*	d	b	9_{27}^*	c	d	10_{10}^*	?	e
8_{16}	d	d	9_{28}	d	d	10_{11}	d	c
8_{16}^*	d	d	9_{28}^*	d	d	10_{11}^*	d	b
8_{17}	d	d	9_{29}	d	d	10_{12}	d	b
8_{18}	c	e	9_{29}^*	d	d	10_{12}^*	d	a
8_{19}	d	b	9_{30}	d	e	10_{13}	d	e
8_{19}^*	d	a	9_{30}^*	d	e	10_{13}^*	d	e
8_{20}	a	d	9_{31}	d	a	10_{14}	d	a
8_{20}^*	c	d	9_{31}^*	d	b	10_{14}^*	d	b
8_{21}	d	c	9_{32}	d	d	10_{15}	d	b
8_{21}^*	d	b	9_{32}^*	d	d	10_{15}^*	d	a

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10_{132} 5_1			10_{132} 5_1			10_{132} 5_1		
10_{16}	d	b	10_{54}	d	b	10_{91}	d	d
10_{16}^*	d	c	10_{54}^*	d	c	10_{91}^*	d	d
10_{17}	c	d	10_{55}	d	d	10_{92}	b	d
10_{18}	d	c	10_{55}^*	d	d	10_{92}^*	b	d
10_{18}^*	d	b	10_{56}	b	e	10_{93}	d	c
10_{19}	d	d	10_{56}^*	b	$?$	10_{93}^*	d	b
10_{19}^*	d	d	10_{57}	c	e	10_{94}	d	d
10_{20}	d	$?$	10_{57}^*	c	$?$	10_{94}^*	d	d
10_{20}^*	d	e	10_{58}	$?$	e	10_{95}	d	d
10_{21}	b	c	10_{58}^*	$?$	e	10_{95}^*	d	d
10_{21}^*	b	b	10_{59}	d	b	10_{96}	d	e
10_{22}	c	d	10_{59}^*	d	c	10_{96}^*	d	e
10_{22}^*	c	d	10_{60}	$?$	e	10_{97}	d	e
10_{23}	d	d	10_{60}^*	$?$	e	10_{97}^*	d	$?$
10_{23}^*	d	d	10_{61}	d	b	10_{98}	b	d
10_{24}	d	c	10_{61}^*	d	c	10_{98}^*	b	d
10_{24}^*	d	b	10_{62}	b	b	10_{99}	c	d
10_{25}	b	$?$	10_{62}^*	b	c	10_{100}	b	c
10_{25}^*	b	e	10_{63}	d	c	10_{100}^*	b	b
10_{26}	c	d	10_{63}^*	d	b	10_{101}	d	e
10_{26}^*	c	d	10_{64}	d	d	10_{101}^*	d	$?$
10_{27}	d	d	10_{64}^*	d	d	10_{102}	d	e
10_{27}^*	d	d	10_{65}	d	b	10_{102}^*	d	e
10_{28}	d	e	10_{65}^*	d	c	10_{103}	d	c
10_{28}^*	d	e	10_{66}	b	$?$	10_{103}^*	d	b
10_{29}	d	c	10_{66}^*	b	e	10_{104}	d	d
10_{29}^*	d	b	10_{67}	d	c	10_{104}^*	d	d
10_{30}	d	c	10_{67}^*	d	b	10_{105}	d	d
10_{30}^*	d	b	10_{68}	d	e	10_{105}^*	d	d
10_{31}	d	e	10_{68}^*	d	e	10_{106}	d	b
10_{31}^*	d	e	10_{69}	d	b	10_{106}^*	d	c
10_{32}	c	d	10_{69}^*	d	c	10_{107}	d	e
10_{32}^*	c	d	10_{70}	d	b	10_{107}^*	d	e
10_{33}	$?$	e	10_{70}^*	d	c	10_{108}	d	b
10_{34}	d	e	10_{71}	d	e	10_{108}^*	d	c
10_{34}^*	d	e	10_{71}^*	d	e	10_{109}	c	e
10_{35}	c	d	10_{72}	d	b	10_{110}	d	c
10_{35}^*	c	d	10_{72}^*	d	c	10_{110}^*	d	b
10_{36}	d	d	10_{73}	d	c	10_{111}	d	$?$
10_{36}^*	d	d	10_{73}^*	d	b	10_{111}^*	d	$?$
10_{37}	d	e	10_{74}	d	c	10_{112}	d	c
10_{38}	d	d	10_{74}^*	d	b	10_{112}^*	d	b
10_{38}^*	d	d	10_{75}	c	d	10_{113}	d	d
10_{39}	b	d	10_{75}^*	c	d	10_{113}^*	d	d
10_{39}^*	b	d	10_{76}	d	d	10_{114}	d	e
10_{40}	d	b	10_{76}^*	d	d	10_{114}^*	d	e
10_{40}^*	d	c	10_{77}	d	b	10_{115}	c	d
10_{41}	d	d	10_{77}^*	d	c	10_{116}	d	c
10_{41}^*	d	d	10_{78}	b	d	10_{116}^*	d	b
10_{42}	c	d	10_{78}^*	b	d	10_{117}	d	b
10_{42}^*	c	d	10_{79}	c	d	10_{117}^*	d	c
10_{43}	d	e	10_{80}	b	d	10_{118}	d	d
10_{44}	d	d	10_{80}^*	b	d	10_{119}	c	d
10_{44}^*	d	d	10_{81}	c	e	10_{119}^*	c	d
10_{45}	c	d	10_{82}	d	c	10_{120}	d	c
10_{46}	b	d	10_{82}^*	d	b	10_{120}^*	d	b
10_{46}^*	b	d	10_{83}	d	b	10_{121}	d	$?$
10_{47}	b	d	10_{83}^*	d	c	10_{121}^*	d	e
10_{47}^*	b	d	10_{84}	d	b	10_{122}	c	e
10_{48}	c	d	10_{84}^*	d	c	10_{122}^*	c	e
10_{48}^*	c	d	10_{85}	d	c	10_{123}	c	d
10_{49}	b	d	10_{85}^*	d	b	10_{124}	b	d
10_{49}^*	b	d	10_{86}	$?$	e	10_{124}^*	b	d
10_{50}	d	d	10_{86}^*	$?$	e	10_{125}	c	d
10_{50}^*	d	d	10_{87}	c	d	10_{125}^*	c	d
10_{51}	d	e	10_{87}^*	c	d	10_{126}	c	d
10_{51}^*	d	$?$	10_{88}	c	d	10_{126}^*	c	d
10_{52}	d	d	10_{89}	d	d	10_{127}	b	d
10_{52}^*	d	d	10_{89}^*	d	d	10_{127}^*	b	d
10_{53}	d	c	10_{90}	d	e	10_{128}	d	d
10_{53}^*	d	b	10_{90}^*	d	e	10_{128}^*	d	d

	10_{132}	5_1		10_{132}	5_1		10_{132}	5_1
10_{129}	c	e	10_{141}^*	c	d	10_{154}	d	b
10_{129}^*	c	e	10_{142}^*	d	b	10_{154}^*	d	c
10_{130}	d	b	10_{142}^*	d	c	10_{155}	c	d
10_{130}^*	d	b	10_{143}^*	d	c	10_{155}^*	c	d
10_{131}	d	d	10_{143}^*	d	b	10_{156}	d	c
10_{131}^*	d	d	10_{144}^*	d	d	10_{156}^*	d	b
10_{132}	a	b	10_{144}^*	d	d	10_{157}	d	d
10_{132}^*	c	b	10_{145}^*	d	d	10_{157}^*	d	d
10_{133}	d	d	10_{145}^*	d	d	10_{158}	c	d
10_{133}^*	d	d	10_{146}^*	d	e	10_{158}^*	c	d
10_{134}	d	b	10_{146}^*	d	e	10_{159}	d	d
10_{134}^*	d	a	10_{147}^*	d	b	10_{159}^*	d	d
10_{135}	d	e	10_{147}^*	d	c	10_{160}	b	d
10_{135}^*	d	e	10_{148}^*	c	d	10_{160}^*	b	d
10_{136}	d	b	10_{148}^*	c	d	10_{161}	d	c
10_{136}^*	d	c	10_{149}^*	b	d	10_{161}^*	d	b
10_{137}	c	d	10_{149}^*	b	d	10_{162}	d	$?$
10_{137}^*	c	d	10_{150}^*	b	d	10_{162}^*	d	e
10_{138}	d	b	10_{150}^*	b	d	10_{163}	d	d
10_{138}^*	d	c	10_{151}^*	d	b	10_{163}^*	d	d
10_{139}	d	d	10_{151}^*	d	c	10_{164}	$?$	e
10_{139}^*	d	d	10_{152}^*	b	d	10_{164}^*	$?$	e
10_{140}	c	d	10_{152}^*	b	d	10_{165}	c	d
10_{140}^*	c	d	10_{153}^*	c	d	10_{165}^*	c	d
10_{141}	c	d	10_{153}^*	c	d			

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